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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: INCREASING LAW AND ORDER TROUBLES

1. WE HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR SPOT REPORTING ON VARIOUS LAW AND ORDER TROUBLES WHICH HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN YOUR CONSULAR DISTRICTS AND HAVE PASSED ON THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF THESE MESSAGES TO WASHINGTON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING TO KEEP US INFORMED ON SUCH INCIDENTS.
2. WE HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE INCREASING FREQUENCY OF THESE DISTURBANCES IN RECENT WEEKS AND WE HAVE IN MIND DOING A MESSAGE NEXT WEEK TO ASSESS THE SUBJECT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) HOW SERIOUS HAS THE APPARENT DETERIORATION OF LAW AND ORDER IN YOUR DISTRICTS BECOME? ARE THESE ISOLATED INCIDENTS OR ARE THEY PART OF A BROADER PATTERN WHICH IS ASSUMING NATIONAL DIMENSIONS? ARE THESE DISTURBANCES MERELY MANIFESTATIONS OF LOCALIZED GRIEVANCES OR ARE THEY RELATED TO A MORE WIDESPREAD DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE NATIONAL JANATA GOVERNMENT?

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- (B) HOW HAVE THESE VIOLENT INCIDENTS AFFECTED THE ABILITY OF STATE GOVERNMENTS TO CARRY ON AN EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION?
- (C) WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE THE POPULAR PERCEPTIONS OF THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION? ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE BECOMING CONCERNED? WHAT IMPACT HAVE THESE INCIDENTS HAD ON POPULAR PERCEPTIONS OF THE ABILITY OF STATE GOVERNMENTS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER?

HAS THIS AFFECTED POPULAR PERCEPTIONS OF THE JANATA?

3. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE TOPICS BY NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 18. MANY THANKS
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